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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, O.P.D.

Attention: General Lincoln.

General Magruder, Director, Strategic Services Unit, Office Assistant Secretary of War, requests that the following message be sent you, unclassified, by DPD to all theater commanders:

"By Executive Order dated September 20, 1945, the President terminated the Office of Strategic Services, effective 1 October, transferred certain of its functions, personnel (principally research and Analysis and Presentation Branches), records, property and funds to the State Department and the remainder to the War Department.

Brigadier General John Magruder, formerly Assistant Director of Office Strategic Services, has been appointed by the Secretary of War as Director, Strategic Services Unit, Office Assistant Secretary of War and as representative of Secretary of War to administer the O.S.S. functions being transferred to the War Department and to the Secretary. General Magruder has been instructed, subject to the authority of, and policies determined by, the Assistant Secretary of War, to continue the program of liquidation of those activities and personnel so transferred which are no longer necessary or desirable, and to preserve as a unit such functions and facilities as are valuable for permanent peacetime purposes or may be required by theater commanders or occupational authorities to assist them.

"Communications for Strategic Services Unit should be transmitted direct to the Unit at 26th and C Streets, N.W., Washington. Cable communications for the time being will continue as under present O.S.S. practices."

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Acting Executive

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